

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 July 17 2015 to 0600 July 18 2015



Command Post view of Pine Fire, Base of Mountain High Resort

Photo Credit: LA County Sheriff/Twitter

Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Montana Train Derailment Spilled 35,000 Gallons of Crude Oil

(Reuters) – A train derailment in rural eastern Montana spilled 35,000 gallons (132,489 liters) of crude oil and forced the evacuation of about 30 people, a U.S. official said on Friday in an email to state officials. About 20 cars on the Berkshire Hathaway-owned BNSF [BNISF.UL] crude oil train went off the rails east of Culbertson, Montana, on Thursday evening, officials said. There was no fire and no injuries were reported. A hazardous materials team from BNSF responded to the scene and contained the spilled oil with earthen dams, Michael Turnbull, an official with the U.S. Department of Transportation, said in an email to Montana officials that was released to the media. The spilled crude did not reach any waterways, the email said. Culbertson authorities temporarily evacuated about 30 people from an area a half-mile around the accident site, Turnbull's email said. The spilled crude came from three breached tank cars on the train, which in total had 106 loaded tank cars along with two buffer cars and two locomotives, according to Turnbull. An investigation into the cause of the derailment is under way, Turnbull's email said. The segment of railroad where the accident occurred is expected to re-open for travel at midnight on Friday, he said. A BNSF spokesman did not immediately return calls on Friday.

Significant Events – International

Anger in Iraq After Suicide Attack on Marketplace Kills 115

(AP) – An attack by the Islamic State group on a crowded marketplace in Iraq's eastern Diyala province has killed 115 people, including women and children, in one of the deadliest single attacks in the country in the past decade. The mostly-Shiite victims were gathered to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which ended Friday for Iraqi Shiites and a day earlier for Iraqi Sunni Muslims. Police said a small truck detonated in a crowded marketplace in the town of Khan Beni Saad Friday night in what quickly turned celebrations into a scene of horror, with body parts scattered across the market. At least 170 people were injured in the attack, police officials said, speaking anonymously because they are not authorized to brief the media. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on Twitter accounts associated with the militant group. Iraq's speaker of parliament, Salim al-Jabouri, said Saturday that the attack has struck an "ugly sectarian chord," and added that government is making "attempts to regulate Daesh's terror from destabilizing Diyala security," referring to the militant group by its Arabic acronym. But anger is rife in the volatile province, where a number of towns were captured by the Islamic State group last year. Iraqi forces and Kurdish fighters have since retaken those areas, but clashes between the militants and security forces continue.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Power Outage Long Beach

An electrical vault fire on 7/15/15 sparked several underground explosions that sent manhole covers into the air and impacted nearly 6,000 Southern California Edison customers with short and long term power outages. Since then, crews restored power to most customers only to see additional work bring some of that power down again. The outage also interrupted Los Angeles Metro rail service to the area and turned several downtown intersections into four-way stops.

Per the Southern Region Duty Officer, on 07/17/15 at 1510 hours, the Los Angeles County OEM Duty Officer issued the following alert bulletin:

To assist the impacted residents of the Long Beach Power Outage, the Red Cross is supporting the City of Long Beach by providing bottled water and limited snacks in the area. Additionally, the city has established a shelter at Cesar Chavez Recreation Center at 401 Golden Ave, Long Beach for the residents affected by the power outage. The shelter will open at 4 pm. There are two senior residential buildings at 714 Pacific and 240 Chestnut that are the primary area of concern. Red Cross is supporting the shelter with personnel. Red Cross will also support any Persons With Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs requests as needed.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

The National Hurricane Center has downgraded Hurricane Delores to a Tropical Storm and it will continue to weaken. The forecast still shows the system moving west-northwest and further off the Mexican Coast going into the weekend. This track is significant and could bring tropical moisture mainly into the southern half of the state late this weekend and into early next week, with the potential for flash flooding, mainly in the deserts of eastern San Bernardino County and the southern Sierra. Northern California could see some impacts from this, with some increased monsoonal moisture moving into the area, though this should be focused more toward the Sierras.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwwa_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

An upper level trough moving into the Great Basin will bring cooler temperatures today and increase marine stratus. A ridge building into the Pacific Northwest will keep winds light and stratus in place for Sunday. Next week an upper level trough will bring slightly cooler temperatures and showers inland with stratus at the coast.

Medford Weather:

Temperatures will ramp up today for inland areas west of the Cascades as a thermal trough moves inland, bringing afternoon readings to 10 degrees above normal. Temperatures will be cooler at the coast and near normal east of the Cascades today. In eastern Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, there is a slight chance of thunderstorms today with some remnant moisture and instability. On Sunday, more stability and favorable dynamics will prevent thunderstorms from entering the region. On Monday, weak upper troughing may produce drizzle at the coast during the morning. Moisture from Tropical Storm Dolores will create thunderstorm chances for Siskiyou and Modoc Counties Monday afternoon. A cooling trend will be in full swing Tuesday and Wednesday as a potent upper trough moves towards the region.

Reno Weather:

A low pressure system will move across the Great Basin and bring a chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. By Sunday and Monday, an upper low off the West Coast will bring moisture northward and keep the threat for thunderstorms across the Sierra and western Nevada through midweek.

San Francisco Weather:

Slightly cooler weather is forecast for today as a weak upper trough develops across northern and central California. Moisture from Tropical Storm Dolores off the coast of Mexico is forecast to move north through the weekend. This tropical moisture may result in scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the southern part of the region from late tonight through Monday evening. Humid conditions are expected Sunday and Monday.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

Very warm temperatures continue this weekend, with gradual cooling next week. Moisture from Tropical System Dolores will bring a chance of showers Sunday to Tuesday, mainly in the mountains.

Hanford Weather:

Sunny skies across the region this morning will give way to increasing cloudiness as tropical moisture arrives from the south. There will be a threat of showers and thunderstorms spreading north across the region later today and continuing over the weekend and into early next week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Moisture from Tropical System Dolores and southerly flow will bring increased cloudiness and instability into the area Monday. Showers and thunderstorms are possible throughout the weekend. The best chances of showers and thunderstorms on Sunday night into Monday are from Ventura County and northward. Fair weather with coastal low clouds during the night and morning hours will return to the area for mid to late next week.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

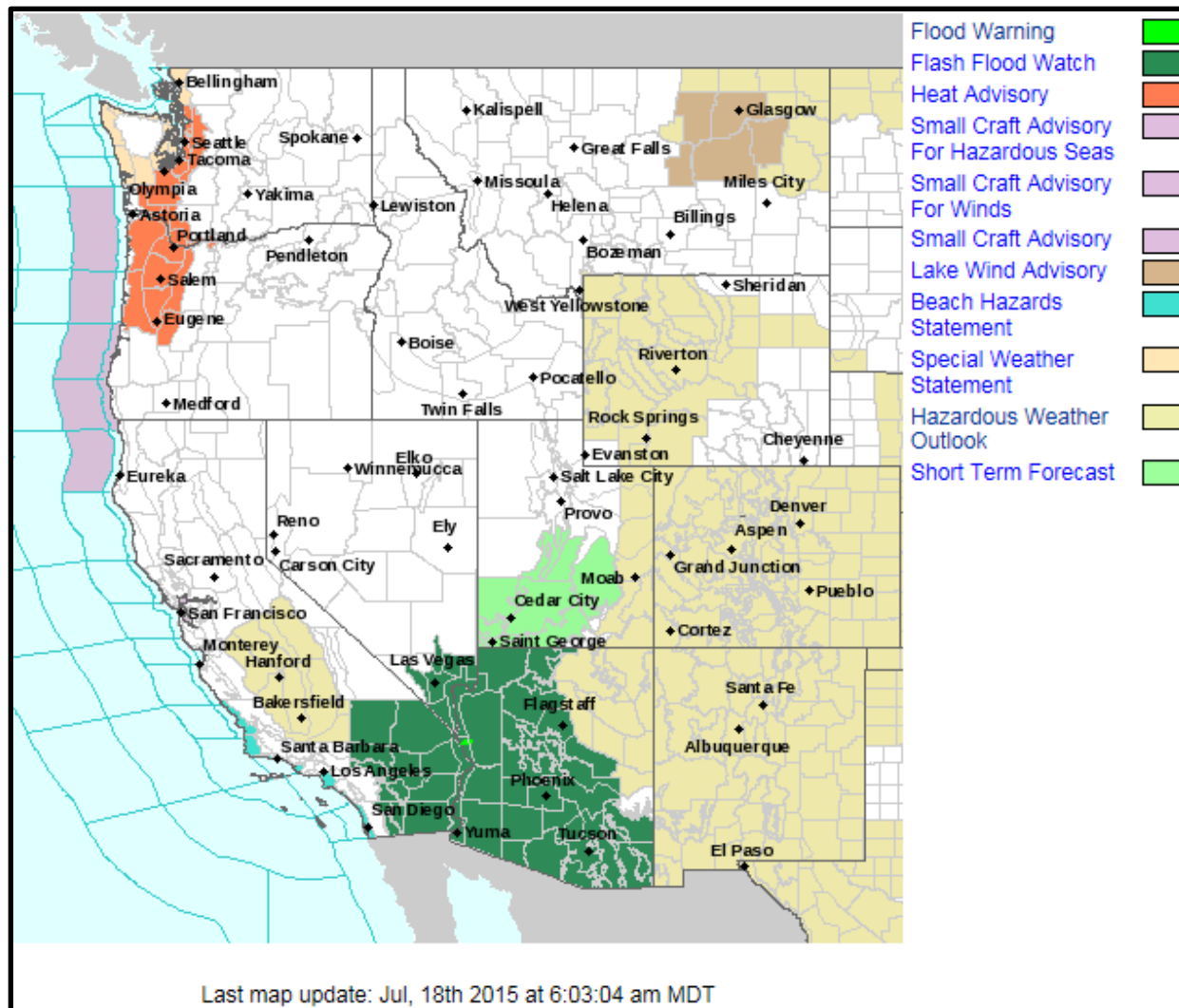
Tropical moisture will bring more clouds and a chance of showers and thunderstorms through Sunday with the greatest chances in the mountains and deserts during the afternoon and early evening each day. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms will continue into Monday for the mountains and deserts. For Tuesday through Friday, a weak trough of low pressure near the West Coast will bring drying and a return of the marine layer with night and morning coastal low clouds and patchy fog.

Southeast California Weather:

Showers and thunderstorms will become more common across the region through the weekend as tropical moisture associated with Tropical Storm Dolores moves into the Desert Southwest. This will also result in cloudy skies and below normal temperatures this weekend. Somewhat drier air will move into the region early next week with a return to typical monsoon conditions.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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SITUATION SUMMARY

SOUTHERN OPERATIONS FIRES

North Fire, Cajon Pass, San Bernardino County

Location: Interstate 15, just north of State Route 138

Jurisdiction: The fire started in a Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) but has now burned onto a State Responsibility Area (SRA).

Start Time: 07/17/15 at 1430 hours

Per CAL FIRE and Cal OES Duty Officers as of [07/18/15 at 0530 hours](#):

- 3500 acres, 5% contained
- Fire is in unified command with US Forest Service, San Bernardino County Fire, CAL FIRE, San Bernardino County Sheriff, [California Highway Patrol](#), and [CALTRANS](#)
- [700 structures are currently threatened](#)
- [Confirmed 4 structures destroyed](#)
- Multiple fixed and rotary wing aircraft are fighting the fire, including a VLAT and other air tankers from Cal FIRE and National Forest Service (9 fixed wings and 8 helicopters)
- USFS ordered a Type 2 Incident Management Team and CAL FIRE has requested a Type 1 Incident Management Team. [Federal Type 2 Team to transition at 1800 hours, 07/18/15.](#)
- 2 minor injuries reported/confirmed, NO fatalities
- Per the ICP via the San Bernardino County EOC, [20](#) vehicles were destroyed which include two semi-tractor trailers; ten other vehicles were damaged.
- Dozens of people abandoned vehicles on I-15, blocking first responder vehicles
- CHP received initial 9-1-1 call of fire in center divider of I-15 at 1430 hours
- Fire began on northbound side of I-15 and jumped to the southbound side
- Cause still under investigation
- Drone reported in the area, but didn't affect firefighting flights
- A Fire Management Assistant Grant (FMAG) was received and reviewed by Cal OES, and forwarded to FEMA for approval. FEMA Region IX approved the FMAG at 2056 hours on 07/17/15.
- [Resources: 676 personnel assigned](#)

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North Fire, Cajon Pass, San Bernardino County (Cont.)

Evacuations/Shelters

- CHP and Caltrans providing drinking water, porta-potties, medical and transportation for those drivers stranded on freeway
- Evacuations Include: all the areas north of Hwy 138 (north of I-15; west 395; south of Phelan Road which includes the cities of West Cajon Valley; Baldy Mesa; portions of Phelan; and all of Oak Hills).
- Evacuation area has a population of 30,000 with 7,600 residents under mandatory evacuation orders.
- Evacuation Center at Serrano High School, 9292 Sheep Creek Road, Phelan. Current Population – 22.
- Animal Evacuation Center (small and large) at Victor Valley Event Center & Fairgrounds, 14800 7th Street, Victorville. Current Population – 6 horses.

Critical Infrastructure/Roadways

- Per CALTRANS as of approximately 0321 hours this morning, all lanes of Northbound I-15 are now open and Southbound I-15 traffic is reduced to 4 lanes at Ranchero Rd.
- CALTRANS needs to make repairs to 2,000 feet of guardrail. CALTRANS is using k-rails to block that area and have completed their assessment of the pavement. CALTRANS is currently repairing a portion of the road and are expecting to reopen all I-15 southbound lanes this morning, 07/18/15.
- CAL TRANS and CHP are working together to get tow trucks to the scene to removed damaged vehicles and big rigs. A bypass lane will be made available today.
- 500 and 270 KV electrical power lines in area. The 500KV line tripped and reset (power is currently on) per the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA)
- Railroad tracks opened both Northbound and Southbound
- No impact to power grid and no significant/reported power outages
- Underground gas lines are in the area, no affect reported at this time
- No reported telecommunications outages at this time

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North Fire, Cajon Pass, San Bernardino County (Cont.)

Activations/Deployments

- Cal OES Director held a coordination briefing call with leaders at CHP, Caltrans, CAL FIRE, Cal STA and Cal OES on the evening of 07/17/15.
- San Bernardino County Emergency Operations Center and San Bernardino County Sheriff Dept. Operations center (DOC) activated at Level 1
- Cal OES Southern REOC activated at Level 1 in support of San Bernardino County
- A Southern Emergency Services Coordinator will deploy to San Bernardino County EOC today
- A Cal OES Law Deputy Chief is at the San Bernardino County Sheriff DOC
- A Cal OES Assistant Fire Chief is on scene at the ICP

There are currently no requests for assistance or unmet needs.

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SOUTHERN OPERATIONS FIRES

Pine Fire, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles County-San Bernardino County

Location of Incident: Highway 2, West of Wrightwood

Jurisdiction: FRA

Start Time: 07/17/15 at 2130 hours

Per CAL FIRE and Cal OES Duty Officers as of 07/18/15 at 0506 hours:

- 100 acres, 0% contained
- Moderate Rate of Spread
- 67°, 30% RH, 7 mph Southwest Wind
- USFS Angeles National Forest in Unified Command with Los Angeles County Fire Department, San Bernardino County Fire Department, and CAL FIRE.
- Pine Fire ICP is located at the Mountain High West ski resort.
- The fire has burned to the top of Table Mountain and is threatening buildings at Table Mountain Observatory.
- The fire that has burned onto the north side of the ridge is slowly burning downhill towards the LA/San Bernardino county border but has potential to come off the hill and into lighter fuels.
- Four helicopters are flying night operations making drops.
- 90 girl scouts were evacuated from Table Top Mountain Campground
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) assisted with the evacuation of 300 campers from Lion's Campground. 130 of 300 campers are deaf and hearing impaired children. No injuries reported.
- Per LA County OEM Duty Officer, the shelter opened for the North Fire at Serrano High School (9292 Sheep Creek Road, Phelan) will be used as a temporary shelter. Alternate locations are being considered.



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SOUTHERN OPERATIONS FIRES

Lake, Vegetation Fire, San Bernardino County

Location of Incident: Jenks Lake, Hwy 38, Barton Flats area

Jurisdiction: FRA

Start Time: 06/17/15 at 1600 hours

Per CAL FIRE, Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of 07/16/15 at 1834 hours:

- 31,359 acres, 98% contained
- Patrol and monitor. Extinguish visible smokes. Perform suppression repair
- Resources: 180 personnel assigned

Medical/Health

- Until Further Notice - The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has issued a Smoke Advisory for Yucca Valley and Morongo Valley due smoke from the nearby Lake Fire.

Proclamations

- San Bernardino County updated their proclamation of a local emergency with a request for a Governor's proclamation and a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster. On 7/10/17 at 1320 hours, the CSWC received San Bernardino's ratified proclamation for the Lake Fire

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 2

Northern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance provided 1,000 copies of the 2015 Drought Brochure to DWR for distribution at the State Fair beginning Friday, July 10, 2015.
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) will consolidate and have one collective OA drought call Monday's at 1100 hours beginning 07/06/15 facilitated by the SOC.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 58 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 25 Counties: El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 12 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County) and City of Willits (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

CAL OES MISSIONS

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-14241 07/17/15 1812 hours:** International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) reported a SPOT activation in Fresno County on Trimmer Springs Road at GPS: 36 53 15 N, 119 9 22W. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-14237 07/17/15 1754 hours:** IERCC reported a SPOT activation in Fresno County inside Sequoia National park. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-14225 07/17/15 1143 hours:** IERCC reported a SPOT activation in Tulare County at GPS: 35 58 32 N, 118 00 12 W. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-14213 07/17/15 0717 hours:** IERCC reported a SPOT activation in Mariposa County, Yosemite National Park, on the north shoe of Lower Cathedral Lake at GPS: 37 50 50 N, 119 25 27. The device owner reports that he is very ill and unable to walk out. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.

Closed Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-14231 07/17/15 1744 hours:** Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) advised of an ELT activation sounding in the vicinity of the city of Riverside. Civil Air Patrol Incident Commander (CAP IC) activated to locate and silence the device. **UPDATE: 07/18/15 0046, AFRCC advised ELT located and silenced, non-distress, at March Air Force Base.**
Mission Closed



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.